

**REMARKS**

***Disposition of Claims:***

Claims 1-6, 8 and 9 are all the claims pending in the application and have been rejected.

***Claim Objections:***

Claims 2-4 are objected to because in claims 2-4, the word “Claim” in the first lines should not be capitalized. Applicant has so amended claims 2 and 3, and cancelled claim 4. Further, the unit of temperature as in “60 °C.” has been also amended. In this regard, Applicant respectfully submits that the proper recitation is “60 °C.” not “60° C.” The Examiner is encouraged to reference a Physics book on this point.

***Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112:***

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention as failing to recite the extruding step. Claim 1 has been amended to include this step.

***Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103:***

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lakshmanan (U.S. Patent No. 3,987,002) in view of Song, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,562,936). Further, claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lakshmanan in view of Song, et al, as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Capelle, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,262,111).

***Allowable Subject Matter:***

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 4 contains allowable subject matter. To that end, Applicant has amended claim 1 by incorporating the limitations of claim 4

into claim 1, and canceled claim 4. Thus, it is submitted that claim 1 and its dependent claims are now allowable.

***Conclusion:***

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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